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Changes

1. Summary:

- This subchapter was revised to reflect realignment of the Regional Federal Benefits offices and their assigned responsibilities for claims and non-claims taking posts. The changes reflect the closing of the RFBO in Athens and the changes to the RFBO in Manila. SSA took this opportunity to include minor edits correcting minor spelling and clarifying technical edits.
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